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To Whom It May Concern:

I read with interest the article soliciting input from Michigan residents on whether or not a judge who is excused or excuses themselves from duty could be required to have a doctors excuse for an absence of 12 weeks or more.

As a hard working Michigan resident who is required by my employer to have a doctors excuse if I am absent more than 3 days, and cannot simply request a leave of absence without documentation, I think it entirely reasonable and relatively permissive to only require one of a judge for 12 weeks or longer absence from the bench.

I expect that most people assume that there is such a requirement already in place and that more comment would be forthcoming if more people took the time to read the news and follow the units of government more closely. Sometimes we rely too much on our own common sense assumption that reasonable rules exist for all walks of life.

I hope that the justices will not interpret this as an attack on their ethics or behavior, but rather as a rational, reasonable expectation that any person who works and serves others should meet.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. I give great credit for doing so.

Respectfully,

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